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(C) MFA Deputy Undersecretary for International Security Affairs Rafet Akgunay told the DCM on November 17 that the amended U.S. request for Conventional Forces Europe (CFE) flank entitlements for 75 additional ACVs is under consideration by the Turkish General Staff (TGS), but he is not optimistic that Turkey can meet the request. DCM thanked Akgunay for Turkey's original offer of 63 tank entitlements, and noted that, as a result of US pressure, Athens' had substantially increased its ACV contribution from its original offer, but there was still a shortfall of 75 ACVs from the US target. Akgunay explained that the GOT had conducted a thorough study upon receipt of the original U.S. request for entitlements to support new training programs in Bulgaria and Hungary, and, based on this, had made a careful calculation of what it could provide. "Turkey is not the right address for this request," Akgunay told us, "Nor is Oslo." Comment: We will continue to press both MFA and TGS on this issue. End Comment.

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